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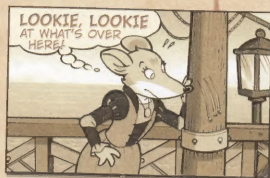
## GERONIMO STILTON

MY NAME IS STILTON,  
GERONIMO STILTON!  
MY JOB IS TO EDIT  
THE RODENT'S  
GAZETTE,  
THE MOST  
FAMOUS PAPER  
ON ALL OF  
MOUSE ISLAND!



## THEA STILTON

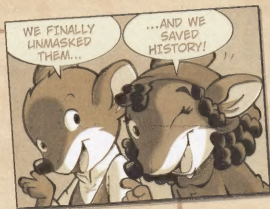
I'M THEA STILTON,  
GERONIMO'S SISTER,  
A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
FOR THE RODENT'S GAZETTE.  
I LOVE ADVENTURE  
AND TRAVEL THE WORLD!



## BENJAMIN AND PANDORA



I'M BENJAMIN STILTON  
GERONIMO'S NEPHEW  
AND THIS IS MY  
FRIEND PANDORA.  
WE PLAY TOGETHER  
AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN:  
WE'RE RAT-TASTIC  
FRIENDS!



## TRAP STILTON



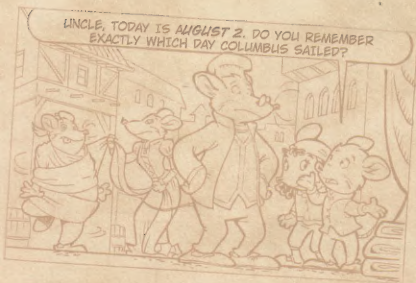
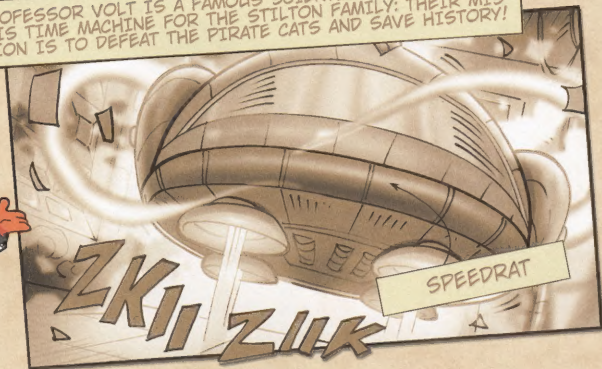
AND I AM TRAP STILTON,  
GERONIMO'S COUSIN.  
I LOVE TO COOK AND  
NIBBLE ON CHEESE;  
I TELL JOKES AND  
PLAY PRANKS...  
ESPECIALLY ON THAT  
SCAREDY MOUSE GERONIMO!







PROFESSOR VOLT IS A FAMOUS SCIENTIST. HE DESIGNED THIS TIME MACHINE FOR THE STILTON FAMILY: THEIR MISSION IS TO DEFEAT THE PIRATE CATS AND SAVE HISTORY!



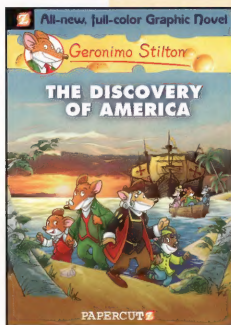


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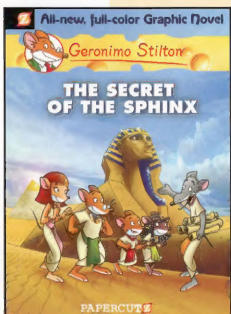


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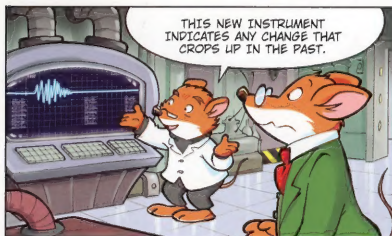


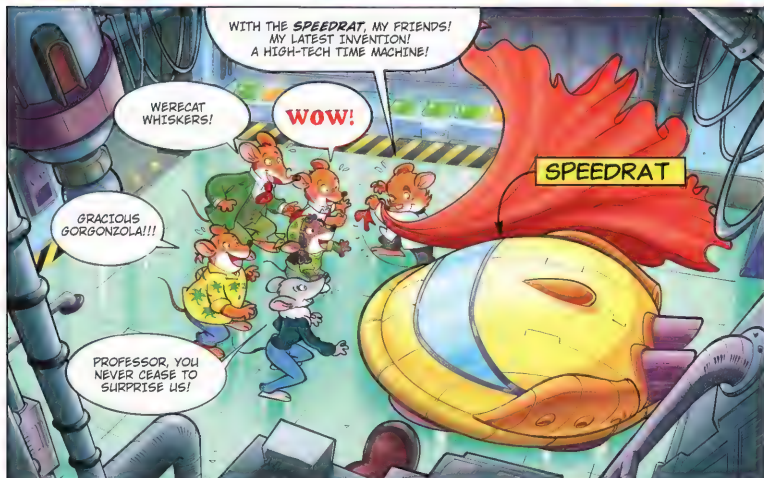
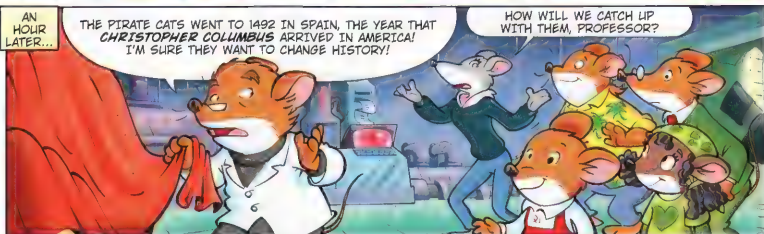
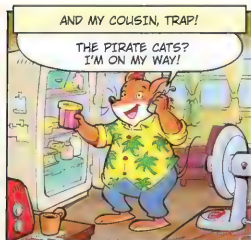
WHILE MY COLLEAGUES WERE WORKING AND SWEATING AWAY, I HAD ASKED NOT TO BE ***DISTURBED***; I HAD SOME IMPORTANT WORK TO GET DONE...



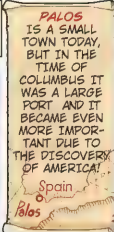
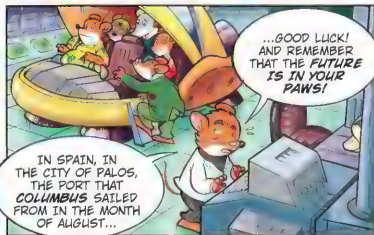
VERY IMPORTANT...IN FACT, ABSOLUTELY ***IMPORTANT!***













BACK IN PALOS IT WAS AUGUST 1, 1492. THE RULERS OF SPAIN, FERDINAND AND ISABELLA, HAD ASKED CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS TO DISCOVER A NEW ROUTE TO THE INDIES, AND THE GREAT ITALIAN NAVIGATOR WAS GETTING READY TO DEPART...

CALAMITOUS CATS! NOW WHERE WILL WE PUT THE CATJET?

IN THE MEANTIME, THE PIRATE CATS HAD ARRIVED IN PALOS AND WERE GETTING READY FOR THEIR MISSION...

NO ONE MUST FIND OUR TIME MACHINE! LET'S COVER IT UP WITH SOME OF THAT TRASH.

CATJET

HOP TO IT, HAIRBALL!

THOSE OVERFERD BALLS OF FUR! I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO THE WORST JOBS!

NOW THAT WE'RE IN SPAIN, WHAT WILL WE DO? ARE WE GOING TO GO RIGHT TO THE PORT?

YEAH, TERSTILLA! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? ARE WE GOING TO GO TO SEE REAL MADRID PLAY?

LET'S PUT ON OUR MOUSE MASKS NOW... THEN WE CAN GET DRESSED AT THE COAST...

I HAVE TO LOOK LIKE A SAILOR, TOO!

MOUSE EARS

MOUSE NOSE

DON'T MOUSE OFF, \*BONZO! SOCCER HASN'T BEEN INVENTED YET!

LATER, AT THE PORT...



LISTEN, RODENTS! I'M MINESTRONE MOUSTRONI, **THE ROYAL INSPECTOR!** I SPEAK IN THE NAME OF THE KING. WE NEED EXPERT SAILORS WHO ARE STRONG AND FEARLESS...

**THE ROYAL INSPECTOR**  
TRAVELED WITH COLUMBUS. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF REPORTING EVERY DETAIL OF THE MISSION TO KING FERDINAND AND QUEEN ISABELLA.

THE PIRATE CATS WITH THEIR MOUSE MASKS ON!

YOU SURE LOOK FUNNY IN THAT MOUSE MASK!

HOW DARE YOU! I'M YOUR **BOSS!**

MEOW DOWN! DO YOU WANT THEM TO DISCOVER US? **NEXT!**

\*CALM DOWN!

AND WHAT CAN YOU DO?

I'VE SERVED THREE KINGS, SAILED EVERY SEA, DISCOVERED HUNDREDS OF TREASURES AND AM AN EXPERT HELMSMAN...

SAILOR, IF HALF OF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, YOU'RE JUST THE RODENT FOR US...

MY COMPANIONS AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SERVE UNDER THE GREAT COLUMBUS!

WHAT COMPANIONS? **THOSE TWO OVER THERE?**

HEY, DUMMY! YOU THINK YOU'RE A BETTER SAILOR THAN ME? WHO SAYS SO?

MY MAMA SAYS SO!

!!!

WE NEED A GOOD HELMSMAN, BUT WE DON'T WANT ANY ROUGH-NECKS. GO TELL THEM TO KNOCK IT OFF...THEN **FOLLOW ME!**



THIS IS THE **SANTA MARIA**, THE FLAGSHIP OF THE GREAT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. THE OTHER TWO SHIPS ARE THE **NINA** AND THE **PINTA**.

MAGNIFICENT SHIPS, SIR! WITH THEM, WE CAN BRAVE ANY KIND OF **SEA!**



CAPTAIN! HERE ARE AN **EXPERT HELMSMAN** AND **TWO DECK HANDS** FOR YOU!

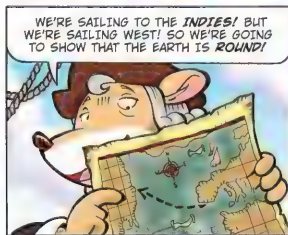
HMM... LET'S SEE WHO YOU BROUGHT ME!



MY GOOD RODENTS! DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING?

SURE! WE'RE GOING TO AM-- ACK!

NO, CAPTAIN! WE DON'T KNOW!



WE'RE SAILING TO THE **INDIES!** BUT WE'RE SAILING WEST! SO WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THAT THE EARTH IS **ROUND!**

**THE INDIES**, DURING THE TIME OF COLUMBUS, AMERICA'S EXISTENCE WASN'T YET KNOWN. COLUMBUS'S PLAN WAS TO KEEP SAILING WEST TO REACH THE INDIES!



CAPTAIN COLUMBUS! WE DON'T UNDERSTAND!

SUFFERING SQUEAKERS! YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND! YOU'RE JUST DECK HANDS!



CAN YOU TACKLE A JOURNEY THIS LONG AND **DAANGEROUS?**

OF COURSE, CAPTAIN! UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, I'LL GUIDE THIS SHIP TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!

COLUMBUS SHOWS THE NEW HELMSMAN HIS SHIP...



HERE'S THE RUDDER! FROM HERE YOU CAN GUIDE THE SHIP. AND IF YOU DO YOUR WORK WELL, I'LL REWARD YOU PROPERLY...

I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU!



THE NEXT DAY, WE ARRIVED IN SPAIN ON THE SPEEDRAT. THOSE SCOUNDRELS WOULD GIVE US TROUBLE...

WOW! WHAT A TRIP!

PALOS IS OVER THERE!

WHO KNOWS WHERE THOSE NASTY CATS ARE HIDING...



LET'S GO! WE HAVE TO FIND THE PIRATE CATS!

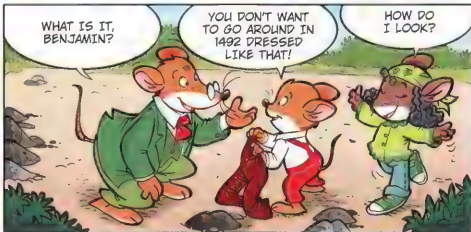
WAIT A MINUTE, UNCLE!



WHAT IS IT, BENJAMIN?

YOU DON'T WANT TO GO AROUND IN 1492 DRESSED LIKE THAT!

HOW DO I LOOK?



PROFESSOR VOLT'S CLOTHES FIT US PERFECTLY...

LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO THE PORT. SOMEONE SURELY WILL HAVE SEEN THOSE NASTY CATS...



PALOS WAS A CITY WITH LOTS OF SHOPS AND CRAFTSMEN AT WORK...

A SHOP THAT REPAIRS SAILS! WE'RE IN A SEASIDE CITY, FOR SURE...



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DEPARTED FROM HERE ONE SUMMER MORNING...

HEY! WAIT FOR ME!!



OOPS!

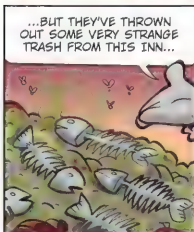
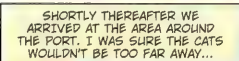


**SLAM**

MMPH...GET ME OUT OF THIS SAIL!









TEN MINUTES LATER...

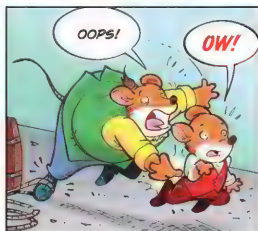
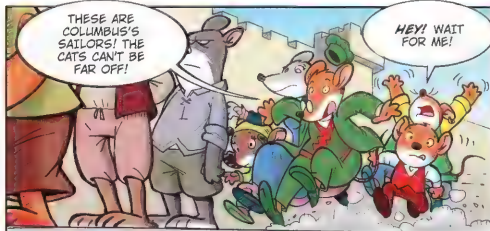


BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THE PIRATE CATS?

WE FINALLY GOT TO COLUMBUS'S SHIPS...

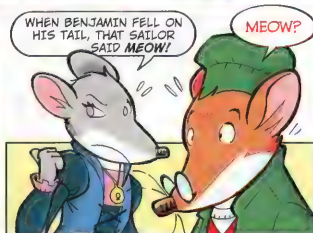
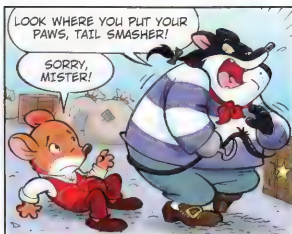


COME FORWARD! THE CREW IS ALMOST COMPLETE!



OVER THERE YOU'LL FIND OTHER FOOLS LIKE YOU WHO WANT TO GO TO SEA WITH THAT DREAMER!





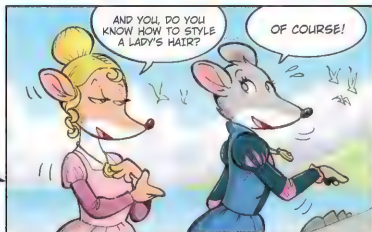
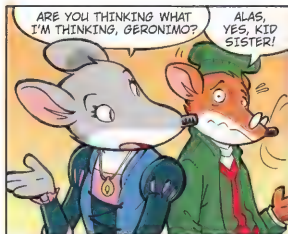
BUT HE SAID...  
BOW-WOW!

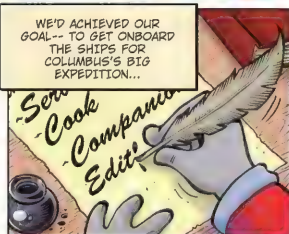
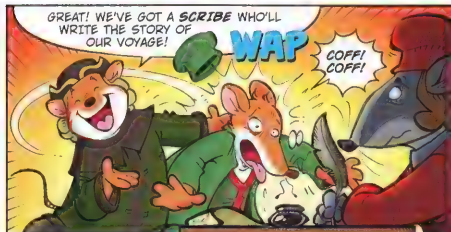
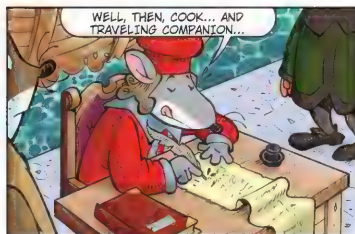
BOW-WOW?  
WHAT'S THAT?  
A NEW CURSE  
WORD?

I'M SURE IT  
WAS MEOW!









AUGUST 3, 1492,  
WAS A BIG DAY FOR  
PALOS. THE WHOLE  
CITY CAME TO THE  
PORT TO CELEBRATE  
COLUMBUS'S  
DEPARTURE...



GOODBYE, PALOS!



CIAO!

WE'RE OFF!

SQUEEAK!



I HOPE I DON'T GET  
**SEASICK!**

BYE! BYE,  
EVERYONE!



EVERYONE AGREES!  
WE'LL **SHTEAL** COMMAND  
OF THE SHIP...



BUT SOMEBODY HAD  
SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND...

IT'S PRONOUNCED **STEAL**... AND  
WE'LL STEAL IT WHEN I SAY SO!

HA!  
HA!

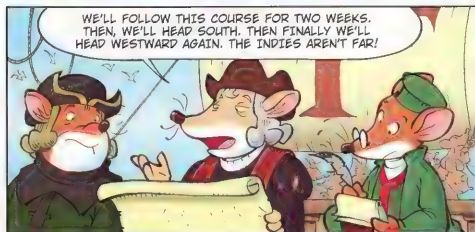






CERTAINLY!  
I'VE BEEN PREPARING  
FOR THIS EXPEDITION  
FOR YEARS!

IT TOOK COLUMBUS NEARLY TEN YEARS TO FIND SPONSORS FOR HIS EXPEDITION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE HAD ALREADY PRESENTED HIS PROJECT IN 1483 TO THE KING OF PORTUGAL.



WE'LL FOLLOW THIS COURSE FOR TWO WEEKS. THEN, WE'LL HEAD SOUTH. THEN FINALLY WE'LL HEAD WESTWARD AGAIN. THE INDIES AREN'T FAR!



DID YOU WRITE THAT DOWN, SCRIBE? KING FERDINAND WANTS A FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF THE TRIP.

OF COURSE! WHEN THE KING READS MY CHRONICLE, IT'LL BE AS IF HE HAD TRAVELED WITH US!



IT WILL BE A MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT!

LET'S HOPE SO!



From the scribe's chronicle:  
"THE SAILORS AREN'T AFRAID OF ANYTHING..."

BRRR!  
THIS 'FRAIDY CAT'S SCARE!



"THE COOK NEVER STOPS WORKING, EVEN WHEN FACED WITH THE HARDEST TASKS..."

>SOB! SOB!<  
I HATE ONIONS!



"EXPERT SAILORS STEER OUR SHIPS."

OUCH!!!  
PAY ATTENTION,  
YOU IDIOT!

WUMP

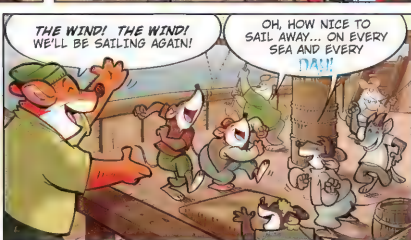
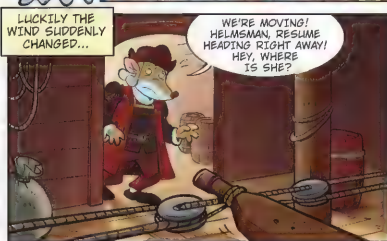
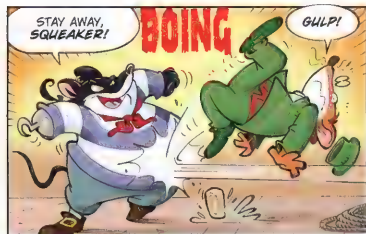


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ING MORNING...

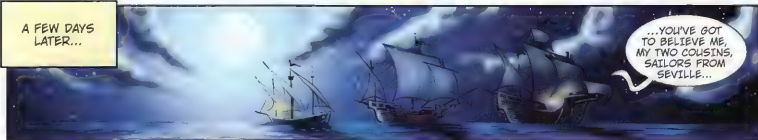
CAPTAIN, WHY  
HAVE THE SHIPS  
COMPLETELY  
STOPPED?

WE'VE ENTERED  
AN AREA OF DEAD  
WATER, THAT IS,  
WHERE'S THERE  
NO WIND.



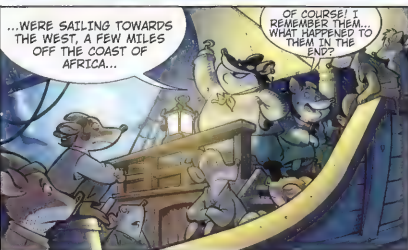


A FEW DAYS  
LATER...



...YOU'VE GOT  
TO BELIEVE ME,  
MY TWO COUSINS,  
SAILORS FROM  
SEVILLE...

...WERE SAILING TOWARDS  
THE WEST, A FEW MILES  
OFF THE COAST OF  
AFRICA...

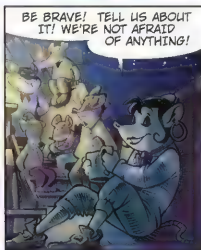


OF COURSE! I  
REMEMBER THEM...  
WHAT HAPPENED TO  
THEM IN THE  
END?

I'M NOT SURE IT'S  
A GOOD IDEA TO  
TELL YOU ABOUT  
IT. MY WHISKERS  
ARE QUIVERING  
WITH FEAR...



BE BRAVE! TELL US ABOUT  
IT! WE'RE NOT AFRAID  
OF ANYTHING!



ONE OF THEM  
NEVER CAME HOME  
AGAIN. AND DO YOU  
KNOW WHY? A HORRIBLE  
SEA **MONSTER** SPRANG  
UP OUT OF  
THE WATER...

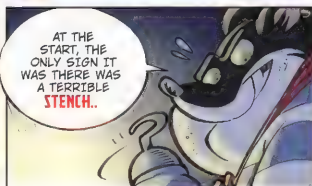
...IT FOLLOWED THEM  
FOR DAYS! IT HAD TWO  
HEADS AND EIGHT TEN-  
TACLES WITH HOOKS AT THE  
ENDS, AND A MOUTH THAT  
SPLOITED FLAMES...



BUT IF IT FOLLOWED THEM FOR  
DAYS, WHY DIDN'T THEY RACE AWAY  
FROM IT FIRST?



AT THE  
START, THE  
ONLY SIGN IT  
WAS THERE WAS  
A TERRIBLE  
**STENCH..**



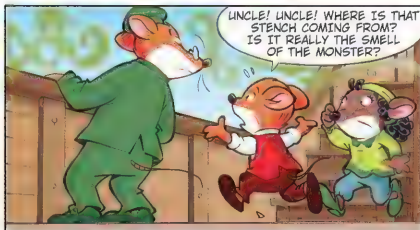


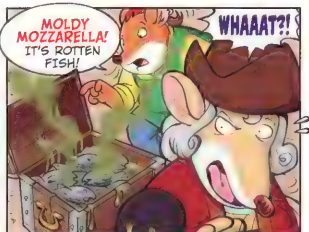
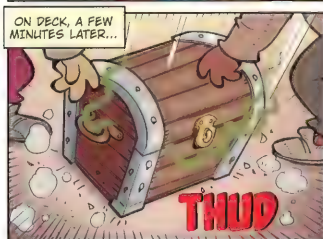
THE NEXT MORNING, STRANGELY ENOUGH...

WHAT A **smell**!!  
WHAT'S GOING ON?

THAT COULDN'T BE, BY ANY CHANCE...

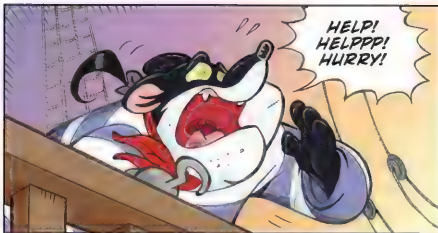
...THE SMELL OF THE MONSTER!





A FEW HOURS  
HAD PASSED  
WHEN...

HELP!!!



HELP!  
HELPPP!  
HURRY!



WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

A MONSTER!

WHY ARE  
YOU CALLING  
FOR HELP?



I SAW A  
MONSTER!



A MONSTER! HE SAYS  
HE SAW A MONSTER!

THEN IT'S TRUE! WHERE  
THERE'S A STENCH, THERE'S  
A MONSTER!

WHERE DID  
YOU SEE IT?



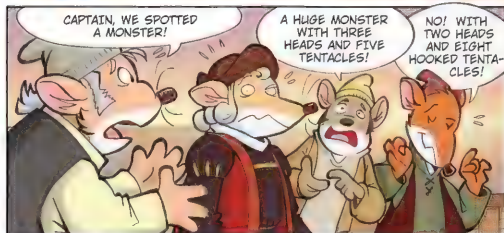
IN THE SEA! IT WAS  
HUGE! IT HAD TWO  
HEADS AND EIGHT  
TENTACLES!

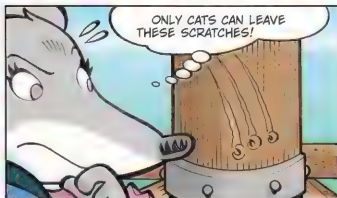
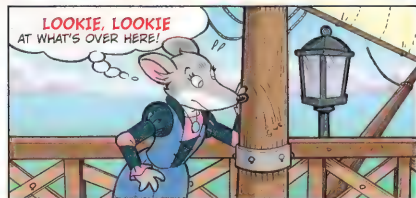
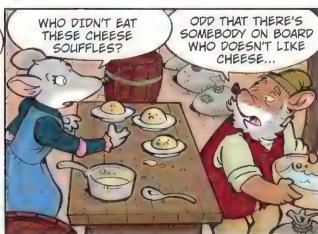
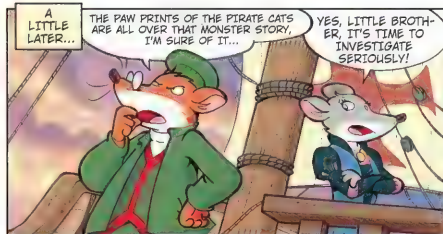
I SAW IT!  
I SAW IT!  
ME, TOO!



IT WAS ENORMOUS! IT HAD THREE  
HEADS AND SIX TENTACLES... NO,  
RATHER, IT HAD FOUR HEADS AND  
TWO TENTACLES...







WE EVEN SEARCHED AT NIGHT...

ZZZZ... ROAR... GRUNT...

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THIS?

SNORE SNORE

FINALLY WE GOT TOGETHER TO COMPARE NOTES...

I SPENT A SLEEPLESS NIGHT, BUT I DIDN'T DISCOVER ANYTHING!

I FOUND SOME SIGNS...

I FOUND THREE PLATES OF CHEESE SOUFFLE THAT WEREN'T EATEN AND THREE CAT SCRATCHES ON THE MAST! DOESN'T THAT TELL YOU SOMETHING?

NO RODENT HAS EVER LEFT ANY OF MY CHEESE SOUFFLE!

THIS ALL CONFIRMS THAT THE CATS ARE REALLY HERE ON THE SANTA MARIA...

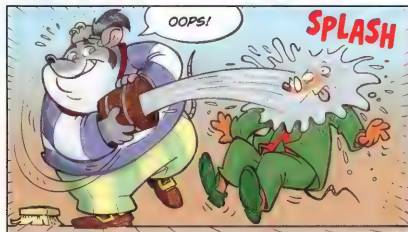
THOSE CATS' DAYS ARE NUMBERED...

OUCH! LOOK OUT!

ZAK

AND YOU? DID YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT? NO ONE PAYS ANY ATTENTION TO MOUSELINGS LIKE YOU...





BUT WE DIDN'T YET  
REALIZE THAT ALL  
THIS WAS PART  
OF THE PIRATE  
CATS' PLAN!

HA! HA!

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT  
RODENT SPITTING! HA! HA!

HEY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!  
WHY NOT FIX THAT SCRIBE  
ONCE AND FOR ALL?

RIGHT! ONLY HE CAN PREVENT  
US FROM **SHTEALING**  
THE SHIP...

REALLY, IT'S PRONOUNCED **STEAL**... BUT LET'S THINK  
ABOUT THE SCRIBE LATER... REMEMBER THE PLAN: GET  
THE SAILORS TO MUTINY, TAKE COMMAND OF THE SHIP  
IN PLACE OF COLUMBUS, DISCOVER AMERICA  
OURSELVES AND BECOME RICH!

GOOD! SO FAR WE'VE JUST  
BEEN FOOLING AROUND!  
NOW LET'S GET SERIOUS!

A FEW DAYS  
LATER WE  
WERE HIT BY  
A RAGING  
STORM...

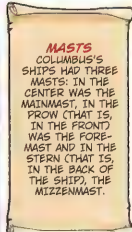
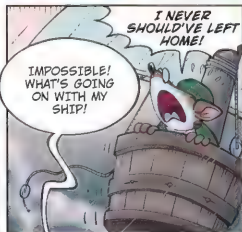
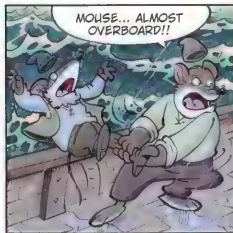
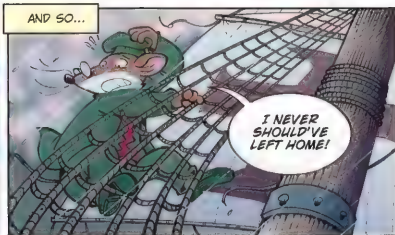
CREW BELOW DECKS! ONLY THE RIGGING  
CREW ON DECK!

WHY DID  
I EVER LEAVE  
HOME? WHY?  
WHY?

YOU! GET TO THE CROW'S NEST  
AND DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE  
NINA AND THE PINTA!

GULP!

**BELOW  
DECK AND  
CROW'S NEST**  
THE FIRST TERM  
REFERS TO THE  
AREA UNDER A  
SHIP'S DECK,  
UNDER COVER.  
THE CROW'S  
NEST, ON THE  
OTHER HAND,  
IS A WOODEN  
PLATFORM AT  
THE TOP OF A  
SHIP'S MAST.



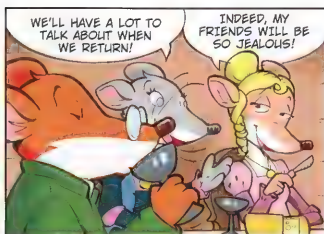
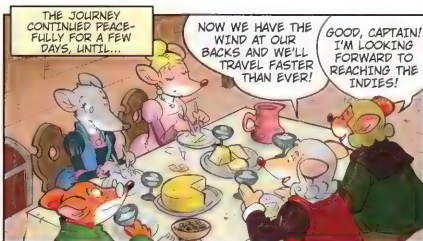


THE MORNING  
AFTER THE STORM  
HAD FINALLY  
PASSED THROUGH...

DID THE  
STORM DO A LOT  
OF DAMAGE,  
CAPTAIN?

IT'S NO  
LAUGHING MATTER!  
BUT EVERYTHING  
CAN BE  
REPAIRED...





MUTINY BROKE  
OUT AMONG THE  
CREW NOW...

ENOUGH ALREADY!  
TOO MUCH HAS  
HAPPENED!

IT'S TRUE!  
WE CAN'T TAKE  
IT ANY MORE!

ROTTEN  
ROQUEFORT!  
THIS TRIP SHOULD  
NEVER HAVE  
HAPPENED!

LET'S DEMAND THAT  
THE CAPTAIN...

WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT  
TO DEMAND OF THE CAPTAIN?

TO GO BACK HOME!

YES, LET'S  
GO HOME!

HOME! ENOUGH WITH OCEANS!  
LONG LIVE BATHTUBS!

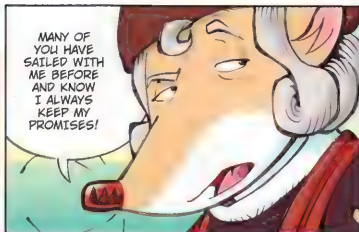
RODENTS THIS  
VALIANT WHO WANT  
TO GO BACK?

THIS TRIP  
IS IMPOSSIBLE!

I'VE NEVER  
SEEN ANY-  
THING LIKE  
IT...

YES, WE'RE  
BEING COM-  
MANDED BY A  
CHARLATAN!





THAT NIGHT, THE WHOLE CREW  
SLEPT ON THE DECK DUE TO THE HEAT...

ZZZZ  
ZZZZ

ZZZZ

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I WAS DREAMING  
ABOUT DELICIOUS  
CHOCOLATE AND  
GORGONZOLA, WHEN...

ZZZZ  
MEOW  
ZZZ  
MEOW

SNORE  
MEOW  
ZZZ

MOLDY  
MOZZARELLA!  
I'LL NEVER  
GET TO SLEEP  
HERE! AND  
THAT SAILOR...

...SAID ...**MEOW!** A CAT!  
I'M SCARED OF CATS!

>SNORE...  
MEOWWWW...  
ZZZZ...  
MEOWWWW... <

>ZZZ...< UGLY RODENT FACE...  
MEOW... WE'LL TAKE COM-  
MAND OF THE SHIP OUR-  
SELVES... >ZZZ...<

BRRR, HOW SCARY! BUT  
I'VE GOT TO BE BRAVE  
AND DISCOVER THESE  
SCOUNDRELS' PLANS!

>ZZZZ< ... WE'LL BRING THE  
SHIPS TO AMERICA...  
>ZZZ... WE'LL GET VERY  
RICH... MEOW...

!!!

MEOW... THE KING OF  
SPAIN WILL NAME US  
VICEROY... >SNORE<...ALL  
THE CATS IN AMERICA  
WILL BE ACKNOWL-  
EDGED... >ZZZZZZ<...

THOSE  
COMMON  
CROOKS!



HOW WILL YOU DO THIS?



TOMORROW THE CREW WILL MUTINY... MEOW... AND NOW LET ME SLEEP, YOU UGLY LITTLE RAT... >SNORE<... WE'LL DEAL WITH YOU, TOO... >ZZZ<

**MOLDY  
MOZZARELLA!  
WE'RE IN  
DANGER!**



A FEW  
MINUTES  
LATER...

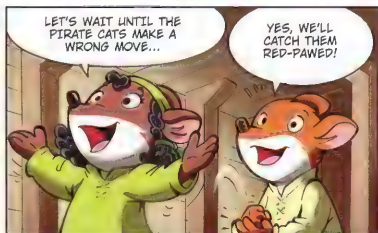
NOW YOU KNOW  
EVERYTHING I KNOW.  
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?



WE'LL BLOW THE WHISTLE  
ON THEM TO CAPTAIN  
COLUMBUS...



HE'LL NEVER  
BELIEVE OUR  
STORY...



LET'S WAIT UNTIL THE  
PIRATE CATS MAKE A  
WRONG MOVE...

YES, WE'LL  
CATCH THEM  
RED-PAWED!



THAT'S RIGHT, GERONIMO! WE'VE GOT TO UNMASK THEM  
RIGHT AS THEY SWING INTO ACTION!

HMM... ARE YOU  
SURE? WON'T IT BE...  
DANGEROUS?

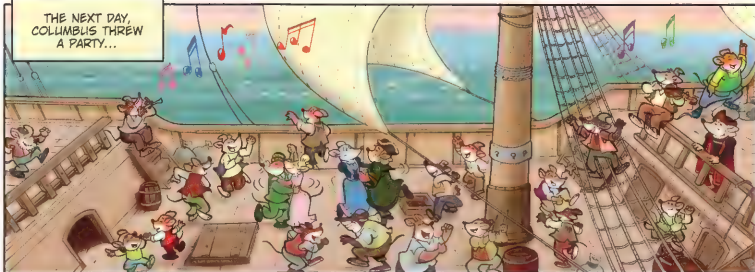


LIGHTEN UP, COUSIN!  
I'LL HELP YOU SAVE  
HISTORY!

**GLUB!** THAT'S RIGHT!  
EVEN THAT MUST HAVE  
HAPPENED TO ME,  
TOO!



THE NEXT DAY,  
COLUMBUS THREW  
A PARTY...

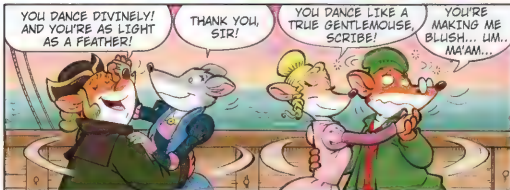


YOU DANCE DIVINELY!  
AND YOU'RE AS LIGHT  
AS A FEATHER!

THANK YOU,  
SIR!

YOU DANCE LIKE A  
TRUE GENTLEMUSE,  
SCRIBE!

YOU'RE  
MAKING ME  
BLUSH... UM...  
MA'AM...



ATTENTION! ACCORDING TO MY  
CALCULATIONS, WE'RE MORE THAN  
HALFWAY THROUGH OUR VOYAGE!  
TO **Celebrate**, THERE'S AN EXTRA  
RATION OF CHEESE FOR EVERYONE!



COME ON, COOK!  
DOUBLE RATIONS  
FOR EVERYONE!

I'M GOING...  
AND I'LL BE  
RIGHT BACK!

HURRAH!  
HURRAH!

**MEALS**  
THE ONLY  
HOT MEAL OF  
THE DAY WAS AT  
11 O'CLOCK. IN  
THE EVENING,  
COLD RATIONS  
OF CRACKERS  
AND A LITTLE  
DRIED MEAT AND  
CHEESE WERE  
DISTRIBUTED.



BUT IT  
LOOKED LIKE  
A HURRICANE  
HAD COME  
THROUGH THE  
SHIP. IN  
FACT, IN THE  
KITCHEN...

! ! ? ?



CALAMITOUS  
CATS! THE CHEESE  
IS ALL GONE?  
JUST YESTERDAY  
THERE WAS  
PLENTY OF  
IT...



THE NEWS THAT  
THERE WAS NO  
MORE CHEESE  
IMMEDIATELY  
RACED THROUGH  
THE SHIP...



WHAT?

>SOB!< NO GORGONZOLA  
APPETIZERS...



>GRUNT!< NO MOZZARELLA  
FOR LUNCH...



>SUPER-GRUNT!< NO  
GOAT CHEESE FOR AN  
AFTERNOON SNACK!



WHAT WILL WE DO  
WITHOUT CHEESE?

IF WE DON'T EAT  
CHEESE, WE WON'T  
BE BRAVE!

IF WE DON'T EAT  
CHEESE, WE WON'T  
HAVE A GOOD TRIP!



CALM DOWN! WE'VE GOT  
LOTS OF OTHER GOOD THINGS  
IN THE HOLD!



ENOUGH! ALL OF  
THIS FUSS FOR  
A PIECE OF  
CHEESE?

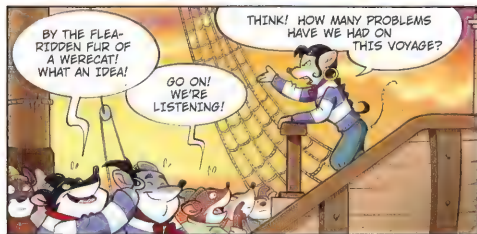


CHEESE GIVES  
US STRENGTH!

WE CAN'T  
WORK WITH-  
OUT CHEESE!

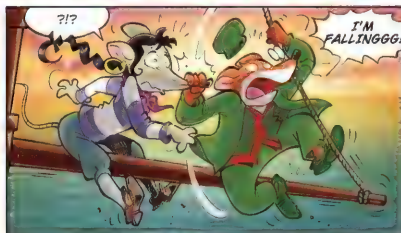
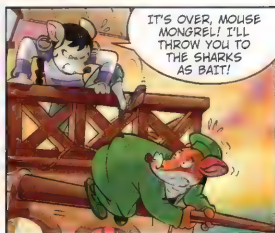
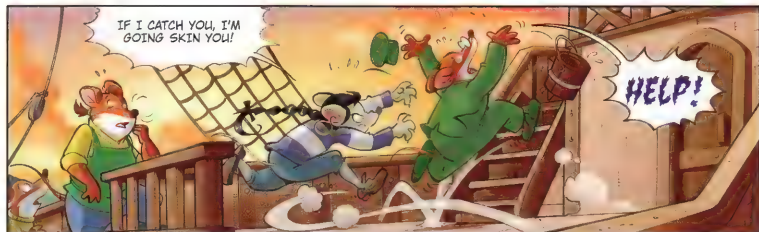
ITS AROMA  
HELPS US  
WORK HARD!

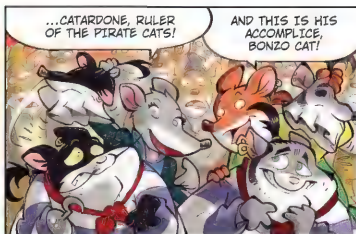






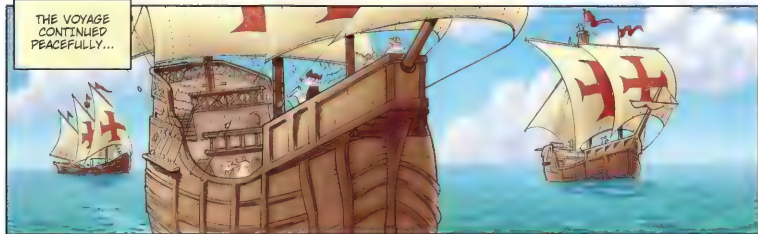








THE VOYAGE  
CONTINUED  
PEACEFULLY...



...OR  
JUST  
ABOUT!

OOPS!

MY MAP!

**SPLAT**



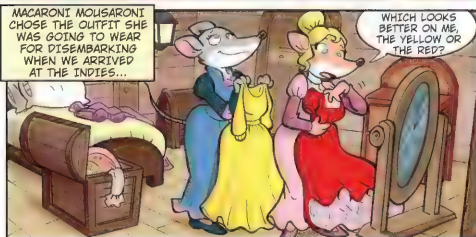
I WROTE DOWN THE STORY,  
TOGETHER WITH  
THAT MOUSE...

AND IT WAS THANKS  
TO ME THAT THE  
PIRATE CATS WERE  
CAPTURED...



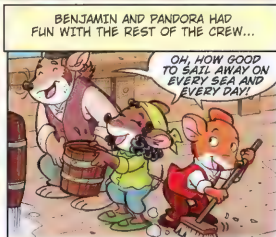
MACARONI MOHSARONI  
CHOSE THE OUTFIT SHE  
WAS GOING TO WEAR  
FOR DISEMBARKING  
WHEN WE ARRIVED  
AT THE INDIES...

WHICH LOOKS  
BETTER ON ME,  
THE YELLOW OR  
THE RED?



BENJAMIN AND PANDORA HAD  
FUN WITH THE REST OF THE CREW...

OH, HOW GOOD  
TO SAIL AWAY ON  
EVERY SEA AND  
EVERY DAY!



IN SHORT, EVERYONE  
WAS HAPPY...



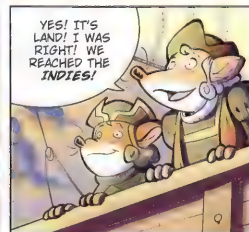
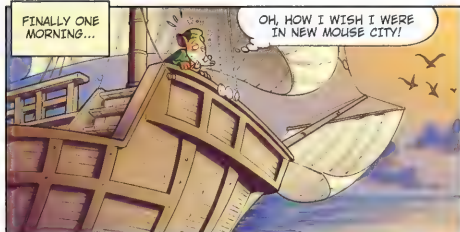
...WHILE THE PIRATE CATS PAID FOR THEIR MISTAKES!

IT WAS ALL  
YOUR FAULT!

NO! IT WAS  
ALL YOUR  
FAULT!

IT WAS ALL  
YOUR FAULTS!





AS SOON AS IT WAS DAYLIGHT, COLUMBUS DISEMBARKED...



I CLAIM THIS LAND ON BEHALF OF MY SOVEREIGN, THE GREAT KING OF SPAIN, FERDINAND OF CASTILE...



...AND QUEEN ISABELLA OF ARAGON...

CAPTAIN, UM...



...WE HAVE VISITORS...



WHAT'S YOUR NAME?



!!

!?!?



\* I AND MY FAMILY BID YOU WELCOME, STRANGER!





WHAT ELSE WAS THERE  
TO SAY? A LONG RETURN  
TRIP AWAITED US...

2-3 45 99 \*

GOODBYE!  
GOODBYE!

\* BON VOYAGE!

THE SANTA MARIA  
CAME TO HER END  
ON A ROCK AND WE  
ABANDONED HER...

**HURRY UP!** EVERYONE  
ONBOARD THE PINTA!

MORE TERRIBLE  
STORMS PUT US  
TO THE TEST...

WHY DIDN'T I STAY  
IN NEW MOUSE  
CITY?

BEFORE  
REACHING  
SPAIN IN THE  
PINTA  
COLUMBUS  
LANDED IN  
LISBON, WHERE  
HE WAS  
RECEIVED BY  
THE KING OF  
PORTUGAL.

WE ARRIVED  
IN PALOS ON  
MARCH 15, 1493...

GOODBYE!

IT WAS  
WONDERFUL  
TRAVELING  
WITH YOU!

FINALLY  
ON LAND...

OOPS!

**SPLASH**

COUSIN!  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING CASTING  
OFF AGAIN?

>SPIT!  
SPIT!<

AS SOON AS THEY GOT TO LAND, THE PIRATE CATS HOTPAWED IT FROM THE SHIP AND WENT BACK HOME ON THE CATJET...

>PANT!  
>PANT!<

QUICK! LET'S  
MAKE TRACKS FOR  
THE CATJET!

**MEOWWWW!** YOU'LL BE  
HEARING FROM US AGAIN...

MEANWHILE,  
WE TOOK THE  
SPEEDRAT BACK  
TO NEW MOUSE  
CITY!

FRIENDS!  
HOW DID  
IT GO?

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! WE UNMASKED  
THE PIRATE CATS AND CHRISTOPHER  
COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA!

HURRAH!  
THOSE SCOUNDRELS  
DIDN'T CHANGE  
HISTORY!

BUT LET'S KEEP OUR EYES OPEN  
FOR THEM! I'M SURE THEY'LL  
TRY AGAIN!

ARE WE GOING  
TO TRAVEL BACK  
IN TIME AGAIN,  
PROFESSOR?

I REALLY THINK SO!

>SOB!< I HOPE NOT! I'M A  
VERY QUIET GUY, OR RATHER,  
A VERY QUIET  
MOUSE!

AND NOW LET'S  
CELEBRATE WHAT  
YOU'VE DONE!

HURRAH!  
WE UNMASKED  
THE PIRATE CATS  
AND SAVED  
HISTORY!

WOW!  
CHEESE  
FOR ALL  
TASTES!

MY DEAR RODENT FRIENDS, FAREWELL UNTIL  
THE NEXT ADVENTURE... ANOTHER WHISKERFUL  
OF AN ADVENTURE WRITTEN BY STILTON,  
*Geronimo Stilton!*



# WATCH OUT FOR PAPER CUT

Welcome to the very first GERONIMO STILTON Graphic Novel – “The Discovery of America.” If you enjoyed reading about Geronimo Stilton before, we’re betting you’re going to love SEEING him and his friends in action. I know I’m excited! But that may be because as Editor-in-Chief of Papercutz I edit such wonderful graphic novel series as...

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So, why am I so excited about Geronimo Stilton? Well, aside from the fact that he can travel through time and have the most incredible adventures, unlike the Girl Detective, the Undercover Brothers, the Aliens Creatures, the World’s Greatest Authors, or the GhouLunatics, Geronimo and I have something in common! We’re both EDITORS-IN-CHIEF! Geronimo edits The Rodent Gazette, while I edit Papercutz graphic novels. Finally, here’s a hero I can identify with! Just check out the last panel on page one of this book’s story – and you’ll see exactly how I feel at the end of my day.

Or better yet, visit our blog at [www.papercutz.com](http://www.papercutz.com) and read my blog! You’ll also find blogs by other Papercutz writers and artists as well as the latest news on upcoming GERONIMO STILTON graphic novels. Of course, you can always go to [www.geronimostilton.com](http://www.geronimostilton.com) for even more Geronimo goodness!

On the following pages we’ve got a special sneak peek at the next GERONIMO STILTON Graphic Novel — #2  
“The Secret of the Sphinx”!

See you in the future!

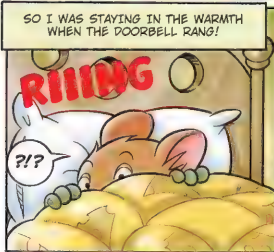
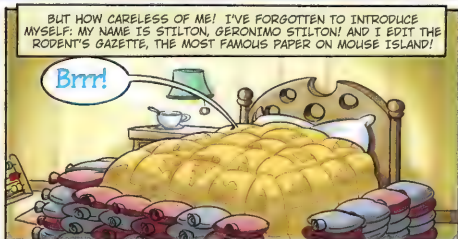
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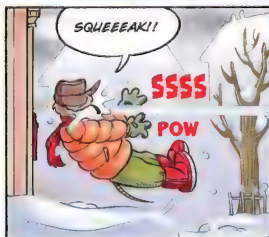
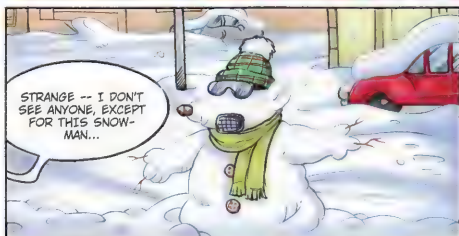
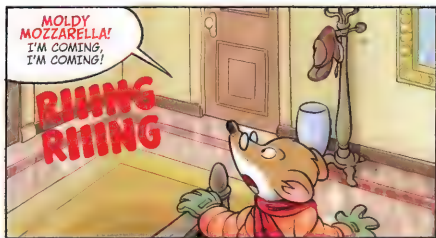
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# Special Preview of GERONIMO STILTON

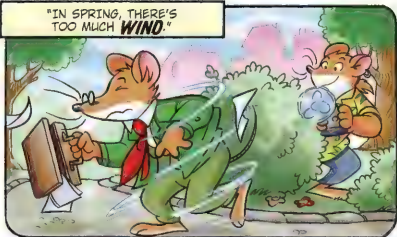
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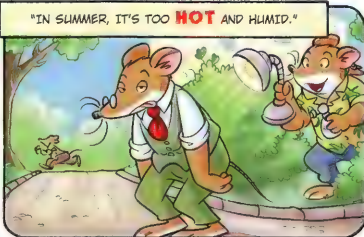




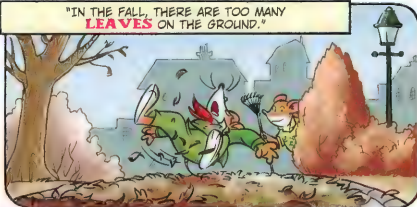
"IN SPRING, THERE'S  
TOO MUCH **WIND**."



"IN SUMMER, IT'S TOO **HOT** AND HUMID."



"IN THE FALL, THERE ARE TOO MANY  
**LEAVES** ON THE GROUND."



WELL, IF YOU DON'T  
WANT TO PLAY... YOU CAN  
ALWAYS OFFER ME A CUP  
OF HOT CHOCOLATE!

IF THAT'S  
WHAT YOU WANT,  
JUST COME INTO  
THE HOUSE...  
**BRRRR!**



**VROOOMM**



YOO-HOO! CIAO, GI  
HI, TRAP!

!?!?

P-P-PATTY?

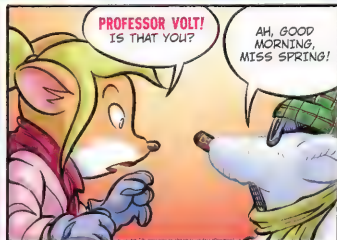
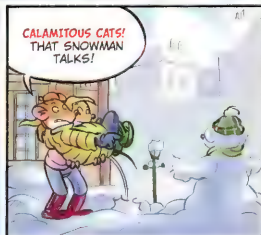
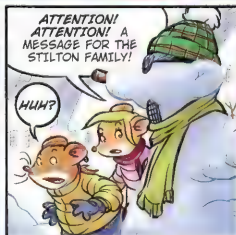
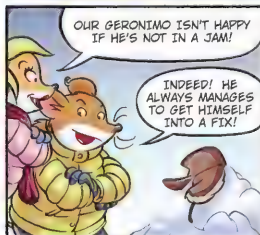
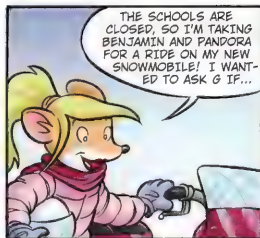
**SKREEE  
VROOOMM**

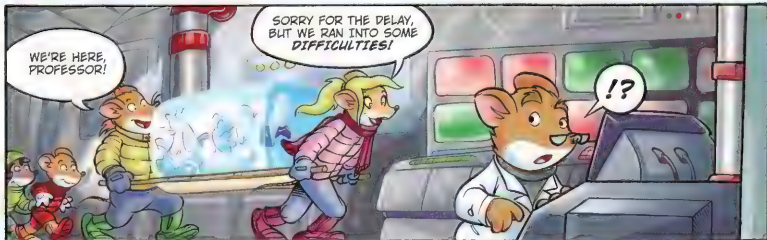
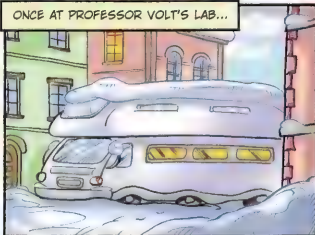
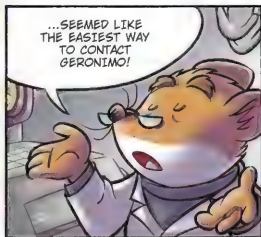
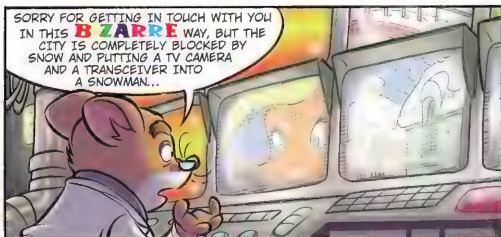


HELLO, UNCLE  
TRAP!

HI, KIDS!  
ARE YOU  
GOING SOME-  
PLACE NICE?







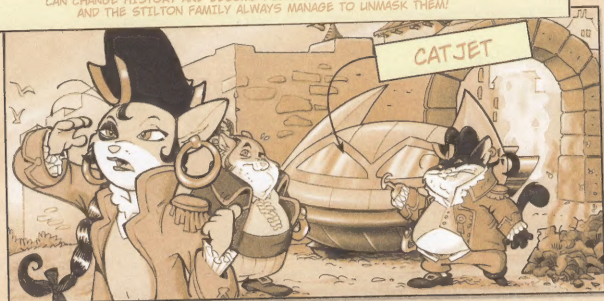
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I'M CATARDONE III  
OF CATATONIA,  
RULER OF THE  
PIRATE CATS.  
MY DREAM IS  
TO BECOME  
THE RICHEST AND  
MOST FAMOUS  
CAT OF ALL  
OF TIME!



## TERSILLA OF CATATONIA



I'M TERSILLA  
OF CATATONIA,  
DAUGHTER OF THE  
RULER OF THE  
PIRATE  
CATS...  
BUT IN REALITY,  
IT'S I  
WHO RULE!



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I'M BONZO FELIX,  
THE ASSISTANT TO  
CATARDONE III.  
I FOLLOW HIM  
IN EVERY ADVENTURE  
EVEN THOUGH  
WE'RE ALWAYS  
GETTING INTO  
TROUBLE!





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